

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data editing apparatus comprising:
a storage section, including: (i) a first storage area to
store audio data and image data that is linked to a predetermined
playback position of the audio data, and (ii) a second storage
5 area to store only image data and no audio data;

link release means for canceling a link between arbitrary
audio data and image data linked therewith which are stored in
the first storage area; and

moving means for moving the image data, from which the link
10 is canceled, from the first storage area to the second storage
area when the link is canceled by the link release means, such
that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer
stored in the first storage area.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image
data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as
5 the image data to be moved is already stored in the second
storage area.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto are stored in a first storage area, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and corresponding image data stored in the first storage area; and

moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to a second storage area when the link is canceled, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first storage area;

wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the second storage area.